# LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

-"Fifty Years in the Magic Circle" is the appropriate and attractive title of the longpromised autobiography of Signor Blitz, the merry magician and the genial philosopher, who uniformly acts upon the principle that, it is a good thing to be happy and to try and make others so. It is doubtful whether any performer before the public has been the source of so much innocent enjoyment to old and young as Signor Blitz, and although he has at times fallen under animadversion as a special representative of the old gentleman in black who rules in the regions below, few readers of the volume before us will hesitate to coincide in our opinion that the fifty years in the magic circle have been well spent by the merry Signor, and if he should happen to disappear some fine day through his famous magic table and never return again to gladden the eyes of his mundane admirers, the belief will be general that he has vanished with a "presto pass" to the regions of the stars, leaving Old Scratch to scratch his head over the wonderful escape of his intended victim. But the Signor is not ready to perform such a feat as this just yet, and it is to be hoped that he, with "Bobby" and the birds, will entertain the oldsters as well as the youngsters among us for many years to come.

Signor Blitz has travelled over nearly the whole of the civilized portions of Europe and America, and as a natural consequence he has seen many strange and amusing sights and has been the hero of innumerable adventures. the recital of which could scarcely fail to make an entertaining volume. "Fifty Years in the Magic Circle," beyond a brief sketch of his early years, is little more than a collection of anecdotes, arranged generally, but not always, chronologically, so as to make a connected narrative; and it is a very amusing book, which thousands of persons who have enjoyed the performances of Signor Blitz will be glad to possess as a memorial of the pleasant hours they have passed in witnessing his wonderful performances. A work of this kind is necessarily egotistical, but the egotism of the Signor, so far from being offensive, gives a flavor to his anecdotes, and renders them more enjoyable than they would be if related by another. In fact, a pleasant egotism is the spice of such a book, without which it would have comparatively little value. The Signor in narrating the adventures of his life does not affect a literary style, but writes in the same pleasant gossipy way in which he talks, and we hope his "Fifty Years in the Magic Circle" will achieve the success it deserves. Published by Belknap & Bliss, and for sale by subscription only. The agent for this city is Duffield Ashmead, No. 711 Sansom

-"The Ogitvies" and "The Head of the Family" are two volumes of a neat library edition of the novels of Miss Mulock in course of publication by Harper & Brothers. Miss Mulock is not one of the great novelists of the day, but within her sphere she is one of the best, and her works are fully deserving of the popularity they have obtained. Her stories are always interesting, while the purity of their style and the healthy moral tone that pervades them commend them to the regards of those who are fastidious about the quality of the literature to which they give their time and attention. The two stories above mentioned have always been favorites, and they are deserving of permanent places in any library. For sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

Messrs. Harper & Brothers have also issued "Anteros," by the author of "Gay Livingstone," a novel in the entertaining but extravagant and high-flown style of the author's previous works; "A Life's Assize," by Mrs. J. H. Riddell, a powerfully-written story in which the character of the hero -if he can be called the hero-"Andrew Hardell," is most admirably drawn; and "The Monarch of Mincing Lane," by William Black, which is improbable and somewhat sensational, but well written and very readable. For sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

-"Gabrielle Andre," by S. Baring Gould, M. A., published by D. Appleton & Co., is designed to illustrate the current of feeling in Church and State in France in 1798, or, in other words, to take a view of the French Revolution from its ecclesiastical side. Mr. Gonld's fame has hitherto rested upon his archæological researches, for his elaborate and ambitious work, "The Origin and Development of Religious Belief," was an attempt very far beyond his powers, and failed to add greatly to his reputation. Those who are familiar with his previous writings will be surprised at the suceess which he has achieved as a novelist in the work before us. "Gabrielle Andre" is not only a story of great interest, but it is a valuable contribution to the literature of the French Revolution, and will materially assist many readers to anderstand some of the most interesting phases of that great upheaval. For sale by Porter & Coates.

-Part 59 of "Zell's Popular Encyclopedia," which has just been issued, concludes the work. This Encyclopedia is the most comprehensive ever issued; for although its articles are many of them short, they give the essential points and contain a vast amount of valuable information in a very small space. The general accuracy of this work we have tested by constant use during the period of its publication, and we can cordially recommend it both on account of its utility and its

-The current number of Harper's Watery contains a very excellent engraving of the in 1851 are going to sue him for damages picture of "Othello at the House of Brabautio," by Mr. D. R. Knight, of this city, which attracted so much attention at the first Union League Art Reception last winter, and which is now one of the features of the spring exhibition of the New York Academy of Design. The publication of this engraving is a high compliment to a talented Philadelphia of wife-hunters

artist, and it is creditable to the conductors of Harper's Weekly, as it shows a desire on their part to advance the interests of American art by making the public acquainted with the merits of such works. The Illustrated London News has, for many years, made a practice of engraving the principal pictures in the various exhibitions, and the practice is one that deserves to be imitated by the American illustrated journals. It would be a benefit to the paper itself, to the public, and to the artists, if Harper's Weekly and other publications of the same class were to reproduce such pictures as that of Mr. Knight more frequently than they do.

-From the Central News Company, No. 505 Chesnut street, we have received the May numbers of The Cornhill Magazine, Temple Bar, London Society, All the Year Round. and the latest numbers of Punch and Fun.

### FOREIGN ITEMS.

-Some remarks on the French nation made by Justus von Liebig in a recent address to the Bavarian Academy of Sciences show a kind and philosophical spirit which is now too seldom met with in the speeches and writings of German professors on this subject. "We look upon the heavy sufferings," he said, "which the French people formerly brought on Germany as on a disease whose pain is totally forgotten when the patient recovers. We do not ignore our obligations to the great philosophers, mathematicians, and naturalists of France, who have in so many branches of science been our teachers and models. Eight-and-forty years ago I came to Paris to study chemistry; an accident brought me under the notice of Alexander von Humboldt, and his recommendation induced Guy-Lussac, one of the greatest chemists and physicists of his day, to propose that I, a boy of twenty, should continue and complete, with his assistance, an experiment I had begun. He accepted me as his assistant and pupil in his private laboratory, and thereby determined the whole of my scientific career. Never will I forget the kindness with which Arago, Dulong, and Thenard treated the German student. How many of my countrymen-physicians, naturalists, and Orientalists-could I name who, like myself, have a grateful remembrance of the practical support given them by French savans for the attainment of their scientide aims! A warm sympathy for everything noble and great and disinterested hospitality are among the finest traits of the French character. They will revive on the neutral ground of science, on which the best spirits of both nations will have to meet in their efforts for a common object, and thus will the indestructible brotherhood of France and Germany in the field of science contribute to alleviate the bitterness towards Germany with which the deeply wounded national feeling of France is filled by the consequences of a war that was forced upon us."

-An unfortunate gentleman, says an English paper, against whom it was proved recently at the London Central Criminal Court that he had married three wives-taking to himself a second and a third while his first was still living-pleaded in mitigation of punishment, that he had married neither of them for money, and that he had up to the moment of being arrested "been at the exense of maintaining them." Apart from legal considerations, it might no doubt be argued, with some show of fairness, that it is nobler to support three wives in comfort than to abandon one in indigence. But these are the principles of Mormonism, and have not yet been generally adopted in England. The view held by the accused was that, far from having failed in his duty as a husband, he had, in fact, performed it three times over; and if the judge had been in a position to decide the matter in the same spirit, without reference to the mere law on the subject, he might appropriately have sentenced the man with the three wives to dwell with them all together. There is a Russian fable on this subject, in which the very punishment we have indicated was prescribed. "That was no punishment at all, says some thoughtless person to whom the story is supposed to be told. "Was it not?" replies the narrator. "In ten days the man hanged himself !"

-The Prussian "Cultus-Minister," Herr von Muhler, seems to like fighting for its own sake, or he would not so constantly get himself into hot water. Having very nearly been turned out of office through his injudictions interference in the affairs of the Musical Academy-which led to Joachim's resignation, retracted only at the King's special desire-he at once took up arms against the Academy of Arts. It suddenly occurred to him during the recent exhibition that a painting of Christ hung too close to that of some Greek deities of the opposite sex, and with his own august hand he instantly removed the offending heathens. Not content with this, he took it upon himself to lecture the academical body in the newspapers on the "Befitting in Art," of which he understands about as much as he does of many other things. To this double insult the Berlin artists replied in a very sharp (though lamentably ill-written) protest, wherein they threatened as a body never again exhibit under the auspices of the Government, if these unbefitting and most silly interferences on the part of Herr Muhler did not cease at once and forever. This protest also went to the newspapers. The next step taken by the enraged Minister was to single out one member, to charge him with the publication, and after a volley of terrible abuse to threaten him with the punishment of depriving him for a year of his academical The whole body of Academicians have risen like one man to tell his Excellency that in the first place he has grossly transgressed the limits of his power, that he has issued his remonstrance on the ground of an abrogated statute of 1790, and that they, one and all, are fully responsible for that disagreeable protest, its contents, as well as its publication. Nothing remains for poor Muhler now but to dissolve the Academy by a coup d'etat, to send the single members to the House of Correction, and to elect a new Academy from among the most God-fearing house deco-

-Madison, Wis., possesses the horse which

Sherman rode to the sea. Iowa appounces her intention to manufacture sugar from the box elder tree. -Mr. Clark, of Indiana, will never light auother match over an open keg of powder.

- Frenchmen in England exiled by Napoleon

-The daily paper printed at Wild Cat, Ark., very appropriately named Evening Caterwand. the author of "Nothing to Wear," William Allen Butler, teaches a Presbyterian Bible class in Yonkers.

-The members of the German royal family being obliged to learn a trade, the Emperor William in early life was a printer.

-Seven girls in Cincinnati have formed a society for the investigation of the antecedents

SPECIAL NOTICES. DOT OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, May 1, 1871.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of this Company that they will have the privilege of subscribing for New Stock at par in the proportion of one share for every six as registered in their name, April 30, 1871.

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Treasurer. PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

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In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June pext, to show cause, if any you have, why ALMIRA BARTINE should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into'with you, according to the prayer of her petition filed in said

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PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1871.
NOTICE.—To ANNE IBBOTSON, late of the

County of Philadelphia. In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pieas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June next, to show cause, if any you have, why ARVAH JAMES IBBOTISON should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimous entered into with you, according to the prayer of majorition filed

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PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1871.
NOTICE.—TO GEORGE R. HALLOWELL, late

of the County of Philadelphia.
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NOTICE.—To ANN CANDY, late of the County

of Philadelphia.

In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of Sune next, to show cause, if any you have, why THOMAS D. CANDY should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayer of his petition filed in said

5 12 1awaw WILLIAM R. LEEDS, Sheriff. S H E R I F F'S O F F I C E,
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NOTICE.—To ALFRED BORDEN, late of the

County of Philadelphia. In obedience to an order of publication to me di-rected, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June next, to show cause, if any you have why CORALINN BORDEN should not be divorced from the conds of matrimony entered into with you according to the prayer of her petition filed in said court.

5 12 lawaw WILLIAM R. LEEDS. Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
NOTICE.—TO BERNARD MCLAUGHLIN, late of the County of Philadelphia.

In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June next. to show cause, if any you have, why MARY Mc LAUGHLIN should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the proyer of her petition filed in said Court. 512 law4w WILLIAM R. LEEDS, Sheriff.

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NOTICE.—TO DEWITT M. OGDEN, late of the County of Philadelphia.

In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Count of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the 1st MONDAY of June next, to show cause, if any you have, why HARRIET A.
OGDEN should not be divorced from the bonds of
matrimony entered into with you, according to the
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HERIFF'S OFFICE,
NOTICE.—To JOHN FINLEY, late of the County In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June next, to show cause, if any you have, why CATHARINE FINLEY should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayer of her petition filed to said Court.

5 12 law4w W!LLIAM R. LEEDS, Sheriff.

S H E R I F F'S O F F I C E, PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1871.

NOTICE.—To LEAVITT J. LIBBY, late of the County of Philadelphia.

In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philad-lphia, on the first MONDAY of June next, to show cause, if any you have, why ELIZABETH B. LIBBY should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayer of her petition filed in said Court.

5 12 law4w WILLIAM R. LEEDS, Sheriff. S H E R I F F 'S O F F I C E, PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1871. NOTICE.—TO JOSEPH HARRISON, late of the ounty of Philadelphia. In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June next to show cause, if any you have, why SARAH J. HARRISON should not be

diverced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayer of her petition filed in said Court. WILLIAM R. LEEDS, Sheriff. S H E R I F F 'S O F F I C E. PHILADRIPHIA, May 10, 1871. NOTICE.—TO CONSTANTINE B. ELBE, late of

the County of Philadelphia
In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby not fled to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia on the first MONDAY of June next, to show cause, if any you have, why LOUISA HEN-RIETTA ELBE should not be divorsed from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayer of her petition filed in said Court.

5 12 law4w WILLIAM B. LEEDS, Sheriff.

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In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June ne show cause, if any you have, why ESPHER A BROTHER should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayer of her petition filed in said court.

5 12 law4w WILLIAM R. LEEDS, Sheriff. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NOTICE...TO ROLF C, LINK, late of the County

of Philadelphia.

In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philacelphia, on the first MONDAY of June nex to show cause, if any you have, why ELIZABETH
C. LINK should not be divorced from the bonds of
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5 12 law4w WILLIAM R. LEEDS, Sheriff.

NOTICE.—To MARY EVERHAM, late of the County of Philadelphia.

In obedience to an order of publication to me directed, you are hereby notified to be and appear in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia on the Gart MONDAY of Philadelphia, on the first MONDAY of June to show cause, if any you have, why CHARLES EVERHAM should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayer of his petition filed in said Court.

WILLIAM R. LaEDS, Sheriff. 5 12 law4w S H E R 1 F F'S O F F I C E,
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NOTICE.—To WILLIAM R. BAKER, late of the county of Philadelphia.
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To WILLIAM TILLIMAN, Respondent:—
You will please take notice of a rule granted this

day on you to show cause why a divorce a vincile matriment; should not be decreed in the above case, personal notice having failed on account of your absence. Returnshie SATURDAY, May 37, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M.

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